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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC VISION: 2008-2013

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Standing Committee.
2. At its 14th meeting (CoP14, The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 14.2 on the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*.
3. The final operative paragraph of the Resolution instructs the Standing Committee “to review the progress in implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*, and in achievement of the Objectives, at each of its ordinary meetings during the term of the Vision, and to report at the 15th and 16th meetings of the Conference of the Parties”.
4. At CoP14, the Conference of the Parties also adopted the following decisions:

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 14.1 *The Standing Committee shall develop indicators for each of the objectives contained in the CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013, based upon the work of the Strategic Vision Working Group convened at CoP14.*

Directed to the Secretariat

- 14.2 *The Secretariat shall circulate the Annex attached to the report of the Strategic Vision Working Group (document CoP14 Com. II. 20) by Notification, and request input on remaining indicators to be developed and agreed upon. Based on the comments received, the Secretariat shall prepare a compilation of the suggested amendments and proposals regarding indicators and any other outstanding items, for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting.*
5. The Secretariat circulated the Annex to document CoP14 Com. II. 20 with Notification to the Parties No. 2008/009 of 5 February 2008 and requested Parties to provide their input by 15 March 2008.
 6. The discussion document submitted by the Secretariat at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC57, Geneva, July 2008) included a compilation of the input received from Parties and a set of proposed principles to guide the Committee's discussions (see document SC57 Doc. 9). On the basis of this document, an open-ended working group developed a consolidated set of indicators (see document SC57 Com. 6), which the Standing Committee adopted with one amendment. The Committee mandated the Secretariat to replace one of the indicators with an appropriate text in consultation with IUCN.
 7. At its 58th meeting (SC58, Geneva, July 2009), the Standing Committee “noted the oral report of the Secretariat on the finalization of the indicators for the *Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* and instructed its Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements to follow up on how the reporting required in these indicators would be undertaken”.

8. After SC58, the Secretariat revised the presentation of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* to incorporate the indicators developed by the Standing Committee. The full text is now available on the CITES website (see 'News & highlights').
9. The Standing Committee Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements, mentioned in paragraph 7 above, was established to assist the Standing Committee with the implementation of Decision 14.37. As its composition was determined through postal procedure, the Working Group did not begin considering Decision 14.37 until June 2009. At the time of writing (October 2009), it was still in the process of selecting a Chair and developing a work plan. Accordingly, it had not yet begun considering the reporting required in the *Strategic Vision* indicators.
10. In accordance with the recommendation in Resolution Conf. 14.2, the Secretariat's Costed Programme of Work for 2009-2011 "supports the implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013*".

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the Conference of the Parties adopt the proposed revisions to Decision 14.37 contained in document CoP15 Doc. 21 on *National reports*. These proposed revisions include a reference to the Standing Committee Working Group on Special Reporting Requirements and a provision on "follow up on how the reporting required in the indicators for the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* would be undertaken".
12. The Secretariat's support to the Standing Committee on implementation of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013* is covered by the Costed Programme of Work for 2009-2011. No additional cost implications are envisaged at this time.